

THE LEADERS IN JERSEY.

Two Able Men in the Field as Gubernatorial Candidates.

The campaign in New Jersey this year is one of unusual liveliness, and both parties have named active and experienced politicians as their candidates for governor. Hon. John Kean, the Republican candidate, was born March 8, 1832, and in 1876 was graduated from Yale college with high honors. He then began to study law in the office of James R. English at Elizabeth. In 1879 he passed a creditable examination and was admitted to the bar, but did little practicing except in connection with his many enterprises. He was nominated on the Republican ticket for the Forty-eighth congress against Miles Ross, whom he defeated, the vote being Kean, 15,186; Ross, 12,841. In 1884 he was again nominated, with ex-Governor Robert S. Green as his opponent, and was defeated. In 1886 he was again nominated, and defeated McMahon by a plurality of 637 votes, the vote being Kean, 15,568; McMahon, 14,931. In 1888 (presidential year) he was once again nominated for congress, but was defeated by Congressman Geissenhainer. He is among the wealthiest men in the state, and runs two banks, a water, a gas and a street car company in Elizabeth, which is his home.

Hon. George T. Werts, the Democratic nominee, was born at Hackettstown on March 24, 1846. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1867, and continued in the active practice of his profession until his elevation to the bench in February last. From May, 1883, to May, 1885, he served as recorder of Morristown, and in May, 1886, was elected mayor of that city, being re-elected in 1888 and again in 1890.

At the November election of 1886 Mr. Werts was elected the member of the state senate for Morris county by a plurality of 334 votes, and was re-elected in 1889 by a plurality of 192 votes only. During the session of 1888 he led the fight in the senate against the local option and high license measure which had been passed by the legislature in the preceding year, and drafted the present licensing act, known as the Werts law. He is also the author of the ballot reform bill, which is now the law of the state. Last February Governor Abbott appointed him to a vacancy on the supreme bench, and he thereupon declared his retirement from politics, but in spite of his repeated refusals the Democrats insisted on making him their candidate for governor.

Alarmed at Yankee Progress.

The leading commercial and financial journals of Germany are in a state of nervous alarm caused by the onward march of American commerce into Central and South America. The commercial bodies of that country have come to the conclusion that the greatest danger to European interests lies in the "new departure" or commercial arrangements which this country has negotiated with the Latin-American Republics and the West Indian islands. German newspapers view with great satisfaction the treaty recently negotiated by Germany with Colombia, from which they anticipate favorable results, expecting to counteract by it the inroads that the recent efforts on the part of the United States have made in their commerce.

Bogus Diplomas.

The police authorities at Berlin have recently been conducting a crusade against "doctors" who use bogus American diplomas. Through the foreign office it has in many instances been ascertained whether or not the alleged qualifications were obtained after a regular course of study at an officially recognized institution, and where this has not proved to be the case proceedings have been taken and the offenders sentenced to pay a fine.

The Fighting Parson.

Rev. Myron W. Reed, pastor of the First Congregational church of Denver, has been nominated for congress by the

People's party of

the First Colorado congressional district. He formerly resided at Hudson, Lenawee county, Mich., going into the army from that village in 1862 in company A. Eighteenth Michigan infantry, of which he

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